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Dear Dr. McVeigh,

Please pardon my delay in replying your letter of the 4th, but I have been out of town for much of the interval.

Since most of our applications require multiple mutants in *E. coli*, I have very few single mutant types. I am sending strains 58, biotinless, and 679, threonineless, which have been described by Gray and Tatum. I am not sure that these are entirely satisfactory for class purposes, owing to the very sensitive response of 58 on the one hand, and to the revertibility of 679 on the other. Dr. Bernard Davis, The Research Lab., 411 E. 69 St., New York 21, may be able to provide you with more satisfactory stocks. For class purposes, however, I wonder whether Dr. Burkholder's mutants of *E. subtilis* might not be the best of all.

We are not carrying any *Neurospora* mutants here in transferable form. I would suggest that Dr. Beadle at Caltech would be in a better position to help you.

Yours sincerely,

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